

In re application of: Nathaniel Heard
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, Claim 20 has been amended to add individual inner tube segments within each spring member. This addition places the invention claimed in Claim 20 to correspond structurally more closely to the invention claimed in the other pending claims, such that Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider withdrawing claim 20 and consider such claim when reviewing the other claims on the merits.

With respect to the Examiner's Election requirement, Applicant elects species B, namely "cells inflated through a valve." It is believed that all pending claims are readable on species B. Furthermore, the use of a sealant/coating is not believed to be inconsistent with the specification and is provided to give extra protection for the air cells from being punctured while the tire is in use, while Species B is used to manually inflate or deflate an air cell.

Applicant has completely responded to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006. Favorable Action is respectfully requested.

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